



National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, D.C. 20594

Office of the Chairman

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The Honorable Cynthia L. Quarterman
Administrator
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials
Safety Administration
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Administrator Quarterman:

This letter concerns Safety Recommendation R-12-8, stated below, which the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) issued to the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) on March 2, 2012, as a result of our investigation of the June 19, 2009, freight train derailment in Cherry Valley, Illinois.

R-12-8

Inform pipeline operators about the circumstances of the accident and advise them of the need to inspect pipeline facilities after notification of accidents occurring in railroad rights-of-way.

The NTSB is pleased that, on July 31, 2012, PHMSA issued Advisory Bulletin ADB-2012-08, which was published at 77 *Federal Register* 147 (July 31, 2012). This action satisfies Safety Recommendation R-12-8, which is classified "Closed—Acceptable Action."

Thank you for your commitment to hazardous material safety.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deborah A.P. Hersman", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Deborah A.P. Hersman
Chairman

cc: Ms. Linda Lawson, Director
Office of Safety, Energy, and Environment
Office of Transportation Policy